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18 HOURS AGO.

YOU ALWAYS NEED A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE.

TAKE **AMANDA WALLER.** MS. DOOM GLOOM.

GOTHAM HAS BECOME HELL ON EARTH...

I'M NOT GOING TO SUGARCOAT IT. I HAVE NO IDEA HOW **ANY** OF THIS IS POSSIBLE, AND NEITHER DO THE FIFTY PEOPLE I PAY TO KNOW HOW **ANYTHING** IS POSSIBLE.

THREE DAYS AGO, A GIANT MOUNTAIN GREW OUT OF THE CENTER OF GOTHAM CITY, TEEMING WITH IMPOSSIBLE ENERGY. LAST NIGHT, THAT ENERGY FIELD EXPANDED TO TAKE OVER THE ENTIRE GOTHAM METROPOLITAN AREA, AND THE CITY STARTED TO **CHANGE.**

WHAT IT'S CHANGING INTO IS A MYSTERY THAT I NEED SOLVED **NOW.** OUR SATELLITES ARE BLIND TO IT. I NEED EYES ON THE GROUND. I NEED YOU TO GET RIGHT TO THE **HEART** OF THE MADNESS. AND IF WHATEVER HAPPENED TO GOTHAM IS SPREADING, I NEED YOU TO STOP IT.

NO MATTER THE COST.

NO.

SHE MADE US THE **SUICIDE SQUAD.** AND WITH A NAME LIKE **THAT,** YOU HAVE TO LOOK ON THE **BRIGHT SIDE.**

MAYBE WE'RE NOT HEROES, BUT SOMETIMES YOU NEED BAD PEOPLE TO DO THE **RIGHT THING.**

NOT **MY** CITY.

DAMN STRAIGHT...

NOW.

NIGHTWING, WE'RE GONNA DIE...

REALLY? WHAT MAKES YOU SAY THAT?

YO! ROBIN! GET OFF! YER TOO YOUNG TO DRIVE AND IT IS MY CIVIC DUTY AS A RESPONSIBLE, CRAZY, HUGELY ATTRACTIVE ADULT WITH A GIANT MALLET TO--

YOU'LL KILL US ALL, QUINN, YOU LUNATIC! THAT'S A HUGE CHASM DEAD AHEAD!

CROC HATE... SCHOOL... BUSES...

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WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE

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ALL PASSENGERS, PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR SEAT BACKS AND TRAY TABLES ARE IN THEIR FULL UPRIGHT POSITION!

THAT'S AIRPLANES, NOT BUSES!

OH YEAH.

THUNK

UHHHH, SHE WOULDN'T...

SHE WOULD!

YESSSSS!!!

FLYIN' HIGH AGAAAAIN!!!

VROOOOOOOM

Y'KNOW, READER WITH HANDS OVER EYES...I'M AMAZED TO THINK, IN THIS BRIEF OASIS MOMENT OF FROZEN LUCIDITY AMIDST THE TUMULT...THAT WE'RE ***ACTUALLY*** GONNA MAKE IT.

WE ARE ***DEFINITELY*** GONNA MAKE IT...

...I AM AN EXCELLENT DRIVER...

AHHHHH!!! WHOSE $%&£&%$ IDEA WAS THIS AGAIN?!

QUINNNNNNN!!!!

CROC DON'T WANNA DIEEEEEEEEE!!!

SCHOOL BUS

HOW'S MY DRIVING?

KREAKKKK

WE...AH... SEEM TO HAVE HIT SOMETHING THAT HAS, LIKE, TOTALLY BROKEN OUR FALL...

OH, YOU NOTICED THAT?

STOP

SMELLS LIKE BROCCOLI...

HEY, NICE JOB, QUINN. WHAT? YOU SAW ALL THIS DOWN HERE AND FIGURED IT'D CATCH US?

ERM...YEAH. THAT WAS ***EXACTLY*** MY PLAN, GREEN ARROW. =COUGH=

LOOK OUT!

THEY'RE ALIVE!

OH, HOLD ON A COTTON-PICKING MINUTE...

I KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON HERE!

GET READY FOR THE BIG ENTRANCE...

SkWEEEEEEEEEE!!

ALL'S FINE, GUYS! IT'S POISON IVY AND SHE'S GOT TWO GODZILLA-SIZE FLESH-EATING PLANT MONSTERS! NO NEED TO PANIC!

WHO DARES ENTER MY GREEN REALM OF ***DEATH?*** PREPARE TO BE CONSUMED AND TRANSFORMED INTO BIO-ORGANIC FUEL FOR THE GLORY OF THE ***GREEN.***

CROC IS GREEN.

SO AM I!

I DON'T THINK THAT COUNTS, GREEN ARROW!

BESTIE!!! OMG!

THAT'S WHY YOU CAUGHT MY FLYING BUS OF DOOM. YOU WERE SAVING ***ME!*** THERE'S SOME GOOD LEFT IN THIS STINKING CITY AFTER ALL!

I CAUGHT YOU AS A SPIDER CATCHES THE FLY.

YOU ARE FOOD TO BE FIRST LIQUIDIZED AND THEN CONSUMED.

I THINK THAT'S A NO, QUINN.

THIS CITY...IT'S FREAKING ME OUT, IVY. IT ALL FEELS LIKE... ***HIM.*** Y'KNOW. I COULD REALLY USE A FRIEND RIGHT NOW.

PLEASE.

...

EAT THE INSANE ONE FIRST.

YOU'RE THE CRAZY ONE RIGHT NOW! NOT ME!

THIS AIN'T YOU! I KNOW THIS AIN'T YOU! WHATEVER'S GOING ON HERE...

GIMME MY FRIEND BACK!!

AH, THE FUTILE SCREAMS OF THE ***DOOMED MEAL...***

MY REALM SHALL ***GROW*** AND RISE AND--

PREPARE TO HEAR YOUR PLANTS BURN! HE HAS ORDERED ME TO RETRIEVE THESE SOULS!

FOR THE BATMAN WHO LAUGHS HAS PLANS FOR THEM!

KORY! WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?!

THE EVIL'S GOT *STARFIRE*...

HAHAHAHAHA!!!

NO!!! DON'T HURT MY BEAUTIES!

UH...STARFIRE'S ACTUALLY FACILITATIN' OUR ESCAPE...

DON'T QUESTION IT!
JUMP!
I HAVE TO HELP STARFIRE. WHATEVER THIS IS...
UH, I HATE TO BE THE ONE TO KEEP THIS TEAM "ON MESSAGE" AND ALL BUT WE GOT A MISSION, NIGHTWING. WE GOTTA GET TO THAT DAMN MOUNTAIN.
QUINN'S RIGHT.
I AM? WHOA.
WE DON'T WANT WHATEVER HAPPENED TO STARFIRE TO HAPPEN TO US. BATMAN WILL BE AT THE HEART OF DARKNESS. WE NEED TO MOVE FAST.
OKAY, ROBIN.
WE FIND BATMAN. WE SAVE THEM ALL.
WE CLIMB.
BEST FRIEND TRIES TO KILL YA--SO NO WAY TO GO FROM *THAT* BUT *UP.*
RIGHT?
AHHH... I'M UP...
WE MADE IT. WE--

OH NO...

OH. WHOOPS. NEVER MIND.

THAT'S RIGHT, YOU FOOL.

TELL THEM. TELL THE OTHERS.

THE END OF YOUR STORY IS ALREADY HERE. THERE IS NO HOPE LEFT IN GOTHAM.

THE *TEEN TITANS*... MY WHOLE TEAM... *GOLIATH*...

WHAT HAVE YOU *DONE* TO THEM?!

=UNG= BATMAN?

I DON'T UNDERSTAND...

...WHAT AM I...SEEING?

NO...

BATMAN...

BATMAN?

YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT HAPPPENED TO YOUR BATMAN?

LET ME TELL YOU...

ROBIN TO ROBIN...

OKAY. QUERY.

WHAT'S MORE POWERFUL? A POSSESSED ALIEN SPACE PRINCESS OR A REALLY BIG MALLET?

WOOSH

DO TELL. DO TELL.

INTERLOPERS SHALL PAY THE ULTIMATE PRICE.

INTER- WHAT? THIS IS *MY* CITY.

HUH.

EVIL VERSIONS OF THE *SUICIDE SQUAD?*

I MEAN...WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

COME ON THEN, FREAKS!

YOUR STRUGGLES ARE FOR NOUGHT! GOTHAM DESCENDS INTO *THE BLOOD DANCE OF--*

OKAY, WE'VE GONE FULL PROG ROCK.

THE BATMAN WHO LAUGHS GAVE *ME* THE CARD!

NOPE, WASN'T FULL, IT TURNS OUT.

THIS IS *MY* REALM...

...AND THE *GREEN* WILL *NOT* BE HARMED!

I FORGOT TO WATER HER PLANTS ONCE. SHE GOT MAD THEN, TOO.

MY FATHER TOLD ME TO MAKE SOME NEW FRIENDS.

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YOU WERE ALWAYS UP FOR A GOOD TIME IN MY WORLD...

...C'MON, PLAY WITH ME, NIGHTWING!

OH, RICHARD, I'VE ALWAYS BEEN FASTER THAN YOU.

TOO... FAST...WHAT *ARE* YOU?!

NO!!!

MY CHILD!

MY BABY!

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?!

IVY, C'MON... YOU'RE STILL MY FRIEND...I CAN GET YOU OUTTA HERE. HELP US AND...

GET AWAY FROM ME!

NIGHTWING, YOU CAN'T FIGHT THAT THING!

IT'S KILLING YOU!

SHING

IT'LL KILL ALL OF US...

...UNLESS WE *RUN.*

TELL HIM THE TRUTH, GRAYSON...

THERE IS NOWHERE TO RUN.

CROC HAS HAD ABOUT ENOUGH OF THIS.

YEAH, YOU AND ME BOTH, WAYLON.

HMM...BEEN HIT HARDER...BUT THAT...HURT.

YOU GO. THAT THING WANTS ME. I'LL GIVE YOU TIME TO GET CLEAR. FIND BATMAN.

THAT...ROBIN... IT'S AN...*INSULT* TO THE UNIFORM.

GO!

NO.

CROC WILL HOLD IT.

IF ANYONE CAN FIND THE BAT, IT IS YOU.

YOU'RE *KILLER CROC!* YOU'RE GOING TO SACRIFICE YOURSELF FOR US? WHY?

I DON'T CARE ABOUT SAVING BATMAN. SCREW BATMAN.

I CARE ABOUT GOTHAM.

NO ONE EATS GOTHAM.

IT IS AKIN TO HENRY V'S AGINCOURT SPEECH...

I THINK HE'S SAYING HE'S A HERO.

AH...

HE'S COMING...

I CAN *FEEL* IT.

YOU KNOW THE TRUTH, NIGHTWING.

COME JOIN YOUR BROTHER.

GIVE IN TO THE DARK METAL.

SHADDUP WITH YOUR NONSENSE!

ALL CROC...

...ALL CARNIVORE!!

EAT YOUR FACE!

CROC'S GOTTA GET A MORE FAMILY-FRIENDLY BATTLE CRY...

THE FLOATING METAL BALL...IT'S BACK...

GO!

RUN!

SAVE GOTHAM!

THIS ISN'T A PLACE FOR HEROES.

MAYBE IT'S NOT EVEN A PLACE FOR CRAZY.

AW, RATS...

NOW I GOTS THE FEELINGS...

QUINN! COME ON!

MAYBE THIS REALLY IS...

...A SUICIDE MISSION.

WE CAN'T KEEP DOING THIS...

THIS PLACE... IT'S...IT'S LIKE A NIGHTMARE...

ONE YOU CAN'T WAKE UP FROM...

...YEAH.

WE'RE FINALLY GETTING CLOSER TO THE...

...MOUNTAIN...

AH!

DON'T GIMME THAT STOIC "I'M FINE" CRAP, NIGHTWING. YOU'VE BEEN ACTING CRAZIER AND CRAZIER THE CLOSER WE GET.

IF YOU ARE MAD, COME JOIN US!

THERE'S ROOM FOR MORE...MANY MORE...*HEH HEH...*

MAD HATTER! ***NOW*** WE'RE TALKIN'!

MY KINDA *PARTEEEEEEEE...*

QUINN!

SPOILSPORTS.

I...I DON'T KNOW HOW TO EXPLAIN.

BUT I'VE BEEN SEEING THINGS...

VISIONS. SO MANY OF THEM. EACH DIFFERENT.

THE ***DARK ROBIN...***

ROBIN, IT'S ***YOU*** FROM SOME OTHER WORLD. A ***DARKER*** WORLD.

HIS BATMAN BECAME SOME KIND OF MONSTER, AND HE CHOSE TO FOLLOW HIM.

I WOULDN'T--I WOULD NEVER...

...WHAT...WHAT DID HE MEAN WHEN HE SAID "TELL HIM THE TRUTH"?

WHAT ***TRUTH?***

I THINK... I THINK I'VE BEEN SEEING BATMAN.

OUR BATMAN...

AND HE'S SINKING INTO THE ***METAL...*** IT'S CONSUMING HIM. HE'S SCREAMING.

ROBIN...I'M SORRY...I DON'T THINK WE'RE GOING TO FIND HIM HERE.

I DON'T THINK WE'RE GOING TO FIND HIM ANYWHERE. I SAW BATMAN.

HE'S DEAD.

NO!

YOU'RE ***WRONG!*** YOU'RE NOT HIS SON! YOU WOULDN'T KNOW!

DAMIAN...

BATMAN IS ***NOT*** DEAD.

HE'S NOT...

HE'S...

I'M SORRY.

THIS PLACE...CROC A HERO...IVY TRYIN' TO KILL ME...BATMAN DEAD...

NO, IT'S ***WORSE.*** THIS IS WAKIN' UP FROM A NIGHTMARE ONLY TA FIND OUT YOU'RE STILL AWAKE.

IT'S CRAZY. GOTHAM'S GONE ***INSANE.***

IT'S WHAT ***HE*** WOULD WANT.

MY PUDDIN'...

OKAY, WHAT NEXT?

THAT'S THE THING ABOUT MISTAH J. YOU CAN'T EVER TELL...

...BUT YOU KNOW IT AIN'T GONNA BE GOOD!

NOW, TWEEDLE-DUM!

CUT THESE INTRUDERS DOWN TO--

ZZZRAK

THERE *IS* A WAY OUT, DR. QUINZEL.

BUT IT MAY MEAN GOING EVEN DEEPER INTO THE RABBIT HOLE.

THE NAME'S **MISTER TERRIFIC!**

WE'RE GONNA BRING ***FAIR PLAY*** BACK TO THIS CITY!

WHO'S WITH ME?

FAIR PLAY

NOW THAT-- ***THAT'S*** CRAZY, RIGHT?

WELL, GREEN JEANS, IT'S ALL ABOUT HOW YA ***LOOK*** AT THINGS, AIN'T IT?

WINK

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NEXT WEEK: THE EPIC CONCLUSION IN GREEN ARROW #32. FACE-TO-FACE WITH THE BATMAN WHO LAUGHS!